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SUBJ: PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL BANK AND TWO OTHER
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

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1. PLANS BY CENTRAL BANK TO CONSTRUCT NEW OFFICE BUILDING ARE WELL ADVANCED, WITH ARCHITECT EXPECTED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE DESIGNS BY FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1977. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR A BUILDING OF SIX STORIES, COMPLETE WITH A CONFERENCE ROOM EQUIPPED FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION AND AN AUDITORIUM WITH SEATING CAPACITY OF 2000. COST OF THE BUILDING IS ESTIMATED AT US\$ 22 MILLION. ANY INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: DR. AUGUSTO COLMAN, GERENTE, ANCO CENTRAL DEL PARAGUAY. CALLE INDEPENDENCIA NACIONAL.

2. IN ADDITIONA, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN CONTRACTING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PALACE OF JUSTICE, AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$10 MILLION, AND A NEW MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, APPROXIMATE COST \$5.4 MILLION. FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PALACE OF JUSTICE ARE BEING PROVIDED BY THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

3. IN ALL CASES, IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WILL GO TO PARAGUAYAN FIRMS EITHER
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WORKING ALONE OR WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARGENTINE OR BRAZILIAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. IF U.S. COMPANIES ARE INTERESTED, THEIR BEST CHANCES WOULD BE IN COMBINATION WITH LOCAL COMPANY. IN EMBASSY VIEW, THE BEST PROSPECTS FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION WOULD BE THROUGH SALES OF EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS AIR CONDITIONING UNITS, ELEVATORS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING

EARPHONES FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION, ALARM SYSTEMS
FOR SECURITY AREAS, SAFES ETC. EVEN IN THIS AREA, U.S. MANU-
FACTURERS ARE ADVISED TO WORK THROUGH THEIR LOCAL AGENTS.
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